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To: The Federal Trade administration

From: Daniel J Chapman

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I have just been informed of the proposed FTA rule 16 CFR Part 4370, the Proposed Business Opportunity Rule, and it really ticks me off.

I am disabled and over 60 years old, with limited opportunities left to me. Multi Level Marketing (MLM) is one of them. My wife and I recently joined a MLM company and have started to make money. This is to supplement our income which has decreased almost 50% since 2002. When you are over 50, job opportunities all but disappear. I worked for Sprint when I was laid off at age 59. They now have a class action lawsuit against them for age discrimination. So MLM is an opportunity we can take advantage of.

You seem to think that MLM is different from other entrepreneurial ventures. But it's not, if you start a business on a shoestring budget your business will most likely fail. MLM is similar but you still have a better chance to succeed. The more capital you have to start a business the better chance you have of succeeding. The advantage of MLM is you can start a successful business with less capital investment. As with any business the result depends on how much effort, time, money, and imagination you put into it.

I hope you reconsider the affect this ruling will have on millions of peoples lives, and livelihoods. Most people who get into MLM are just average Joe's. They want an opportunity to improve their lives, and see MLM as that opportunity. It is affordable, it can be done part time from home, and they can get out of it what they put into it.